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FOLLOWING REPEAT USNATO 5421 ACTION SECSTATE OCT 6.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L USNATO 5421

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TAGS: PARM, UNGA
SUBJ: 1976 UNGA: UK DRAFT RESOLUTION ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW)

REF: USNATO 5413

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT CW RESOLUTION CIRCULATED
BY UK OCT 5 AT NATO DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING.

2. BEGIN TEXT:
DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR THE 31ST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) WEAPONS
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
REAFFIRMING ITS RESOLUTIONS 2454 A(XXIII) OF 20 DEC 1968, 2603
B(XXIV, OF 16 DEC 1969, 2662 (XXV) OF 7 DEC 1970, 2827 A
(XXVI) OF 16 DEC 1971, 2933 (XXVII) OF 29 NOV 1972, 3077 (XXVIII)
OF 6 DEC 1973, 3256 (XXIX) OF 9 DEC 1974, AND 3465 (XXX) OF
11 DEC 1975,

CONVINCED THAT THE PROCESS OF INTERNATIONAL DETENTE IS CONDUCTIVE
TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FURTHER DISARMAMENT MEASURES AND OF
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GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL

CONTROL,

CONVINCED ALSO OF THE IMPORTANCE IN THIS CONTEXT OF THE COMPLETE PROHIBITION AND ELIMINATION OF CHEMICAL AS WELL AS BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) WEAPONS,

RECALLING THAT IT HAS REPEATEDLY CONDEMNED ALL ACTIONS CONTRARY TO THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROTOCOL FOR THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE IN WAR OF ASPHYXIATING, POISONOUS OR OTHER GASES, AND OF BACTERIOLOGICAL METHODS OF WARFARE, SIGNED AT GENEVA ON 17 JUNE 1925, 1/ AND REAFFIRMING THE NECESSITY OF STRICT OBSERVANCE BY ALL STATES OF THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF THAT PROTOCOL,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION 2/ AND CONVINCED THAT IT CONSTITUTES AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS EARLY AGREEMENT ON THE EFFECTIVE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF ALL CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND ON THEIR ELIMINATION FROM THE ARSENALS OF ALL STATES,

RECALLING IN THAT CONNEXION THE UNDERTAKING CONTAINED IN ARTICLE IX OF THE CONVENTION TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS IN GOOD FAITH WITH A VIEW TO REACHING EARLY AGREEMENT ON EFFECTIVE MEASURES FOR THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND FOR THEIR DESTRUCTION,

1/ LEAGUE OF NATIONS, TREATY SERIES, VOL XCIV (1929), NO 2138, P 65.

2/ GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 2826 (XXVI), ANNEX.

RE-AFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY AGREEMENT ON THE COMPLETE PROHIBITION ON THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF ALL CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND THEIR DESTRUCTION,

STRESSING THE NEED FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION REGARDING NATIONAL POLICIES RELATED TO CHEMICAL WEAPONS, IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN THE BUILDING OF INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENCE AND SO TO FACILITATE
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PROGRAMMES TOWARDS AN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT,

NOTING THAT DRAFT CONVENTIONS ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND ON THEIR

DESTRUCTION, AS WELL AS OTHER WORKING DOCUMENTS, PROPOSALS AND SUGGESTIONS, HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT, AND CONSTITUTE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEGOTIATION OF AN APPROPRIATE AGREEMENT,

NOTING ALSO THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT TOWARDS REACHING A CONSENSUS ON THE METHODS OF DEFINING THE AGENTS TO BE BANNED,

DESIRING TO CONTRIBUTE TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON EFFECTIVE AND STRICT MEASURES FOR THE COMPLETE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF ALL CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND FOR THEIR DESTRUCTION,

1. REAFFIRMS THE OBJECTIVE OF REACHING EARLY AGREEMENT ON THE EFFECTIVE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF ALL CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND ON THEIR ELIMINATION FROM THE ARSENALS OF ALL STATES;

2. URGES AGAIN ALL STATES TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FACILITATE EARLY AGREEMENT ON THE EFFECTIVE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF ALL CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION;

3. REQUESTS THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT TO

CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS AS A MATTER OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE EXISTING PROPOSALS, WITH A VIEW TO REACHING EARLY AGREEMENT ON EFFECTIVE MEASURES FOR THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF ALL CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND FOR THEIR DESTRUCTION;

4. INVITES ALL STATES THAT HAVE NOT YET DONE
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SO TO ACCEDE TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION;

5. INVITES ALL STATES THAT HAVE NOT YET DONE SO TO ACCEDE TO OR RATIFY THE PROTOCOL FOR THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE IN WAR OF ASPHYXIATING, POISONOUS OR OTHER GASES, AND OF BACTERIOLOGICAL METHODS OF WARFARE, SIGNED AT GENEVA ON 17 JUNE 1925,
AND CALLS AGAIN FOR STRICT OBSERVANCE BY ALL STATES OF THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF THAT PROTOCOL;

6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TRANSMIT TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT ALL DOCUMENTS OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE RELATING TO CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND CHEMICAL MEANS OF

WARFARE;

7. REQUESTS THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT
TO REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF ITS NEGOTIATIONS TO THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-SECOND SESSION.
END TEXT.STRAUSZ-HUPE UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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